First Sunday of Lent
February 25th, 2007

Faith Sharing
Readings and Questions for
Week of March 4th, 2007
Gen 15: 5–12, 17–18 Phil 3:17 4:1, 3:20 4:1 Lk 9:28b-36

Theme: Lent calls us to transform our lives.

Question for Adults: What do you most want God to help you with?

Question for Children: What do you most want God to help you with?

Monday, February 26th 2007
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
8:00 a.m. - Daily Liturgy
Intention: Repose of John Vecurevich & Jenny Pazdan
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

Tuesday, February 27th 2007
Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
NO Daily Liturgy
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts

Wednesday, February 28th, 2007
Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Office Hours
9: 00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Food Pantry
6:00 p.m. – Daily Liturgy
Intention: For the Sexually Abused & Souls in Purgatory
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal
7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation Class

Thursday, March 1st, 2007
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
8:00 a.m. Daily Liturgy
Intention: Repose of Ron Banks
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
7:00p.m. – Knights of Columbus Officers meeting

Friday, March 2nd, 2007
Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
8:00 a.m. - Daily Liturgy
Intention: Birthday of Patricia Kern & repose of Dick Weber
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Lenten Fish Fry
7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 3rd, 2007
Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
Ministry Fair
No Daily Liturgy with Adoration
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Food Pantry
9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. - Priest & Lay Ministry Meeting
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - Reconciliation

Second Sunday of Lent
Lk 9:28b-36;
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1
5:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Repose of Genevieve Mines
Ministry Schedule
Bread Baker: *Becky Wentz*
Altar Servers: *Marissa & Trevor Pitsor*
**Jessica Schacher*
Blood: *Joe Schacher, Carol Conway, Jayme & Reggie Hunt*
Body: *Walt Wilson*
Lectors *Doris Hume & Carrie Baker*
Sacristans: *Joe & Linda Schacher*
Ushers: *Dennis & Judy Olson*
Choir: *Folk Group*

Sunday, March 4th, 2007
Ministry Fair
Lk 9:28b-36;
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Oliver Wieczorek
Ministry Schedule
Altar Servers: *Kevin Chamberlain, Alyssa Hoffman & *Brianna Quinn*
Blood: *Kathy Amiotte, Brenda Jacobs, Pat Suiter Marty Quinn*
Body: *Walt Wilson*
Lector: *Teresa Thompson &Reeny Wilson*
Sacristan: *Frank & Donna Boner*
Usher: *Bob & Pam Wentz*
Choir: *Brenda Czmowski*

8:30 a.m. - RCIA Class
9:15 a.m. - Faith Formation Class
10:30 a.m. Liturgy of Eucharist
Intention: OLBH Community
Ministry Schedule
Altar Servers: **Jacqui Osnes, Megan & Gina Czmowski*
Blood: *Sharon Long, Mary & Brad Blauvelt*
Body: *Walt Wilson*
Lectors: *Joni Osnes & Jim Pulaski*
Sacristans: *The Blauvelt Family*
Ushers: *The Weaver Family*
Choir: *Family Choir*

6: 30 – 8:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. – Taize Prayer

Sparks From Mark
Please See insert

Prayer Corner: *Names will remain on the list for one month. Please contact the office for continued prayers.*

Improved Health: Marilyn Nelson, George Senn, Theresa Renner, Larry Still, Margaret & Eddie Heisinger

Repose: Darvin Weiger, Mary Smith, Mary Martens, Mike DeMersseman, Donnie Quinn, Lester Hildebrand, Joanna Fideler, Steven Melvin

Stewardship

February 17th & 18th

Loose	$6,240.32
Envelopes	$1,781.00
Votive	$11.56
Student	$65.28
Adopt a Seminarian	$600.00
Black/Indian Mission	$30.00
Guatemala Mission	$375.00
Building Fund	$90.00
Total	$9,193.16

Renovation Pledges
May 1st, 2005 to April 30th, 2007
Total Pledged - $141,112.01
Total Received - $112,796.43

Stations of the Cross During the Lenten season, there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 p.m. If you or a group you belong to would like to lead Stations of the Cross one of these Fridays, please contact the parish office. 787-5168.

Parish Directory To protect your privacy we would like to know, if you would like your address published in the directory whether you had your picture taken or not. This will also give us an opportunity to make any corrections to your address so please take the time to make those corrections. We ask if you would like your address published to please circle your name on the list in the gathering area. **The cost of the pictorial directory is $9.00.** If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 787-5168.

E-Tithing The Electronic Tithing plan is a program by which parishioners may have a monthly amount taken electronically from their bank accounts and electronically credited to their parish. It is a convenient, safe, and reliable way to make stewardship contributions using electronic transfer. This is similar to programs offered by banks and utility companies. Your contributions may be automatically withdrawn from a regular checking or savings account at any bank or credit union. Each parishioner simply completes a form and the parish does the rest. No one but the parishioner has access to his or her account, and nothing can be withdrawn without authorization. The contribution amount may be changed at any time by simply sending a written notice to the parish.

Best of all, it saves time and helps keep your parish budget on track throughout the year.

MINISTRY FAIR - MARCH 3 & 4
Christ has no hands or feet on earth but yours. Please prayerfully consider participating in one of many parish ministries. We are called to serve one another.

CONVERSION/FINDING GOD
SEASON II OF RENEW
FOCUS: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25TH
DECISION/ACKNOWLEDGING OUR SINFULNESS

Jesus Christ faced many temptations. He chose not to take the "quick fix" that was offered to him. We likewise have choices to make in our lives. We can choose "the easier way," following values of self-centeredness, hoarding possessions, taking power and making a name for ourselves. On the other hand, we can make a decision to walk with Jesus, to follow the way of God, to reject the "quick fix" of selfishness and choose the way of love and true happiness.

Confirmation Students!
Don't forget that the first class starts Sunday, February 25th 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at OLBH.

Lenten Fish Fry Dinner

Friday, March 2

We will begin serving at 5:00 p.m.
Proceeds benefit the OLBH missionary group going to Guatemala in June!

February 27th is Charter Day for **Knights of Columbus**, Council #7079. Please join us in the celebration after each mass for cake and coffee.

D.U.H.— Don't Underestimate Him/ Lean into Him—The annual Diocesan High School Rally will be held in Ft. Pierre on March 24. Fr. Stan Fortuna, CFR will be our special guest and will also close the event with an evening concert. Suzin Pinkoski-Shaw will present "Love and Lifestyle Choices," and GodStruck will provide music throughout the day. Bishop Cupich will preside at Mass. Cost is $25 and includes meals, a T-shirt, and all activities. For more information or a registration form please visit www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/Youth or contact Teresa Thompson at 787-5168 or teresa@olbh.org.

Black Hawk Fire Auxiliary Chili Feed

The Black Hawk Fire Auxiliary will host its annual Chili Feed on Saturday, March 3, 2007 from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the Black Hawk Fire Hall, 6010 Peaceful Pines Road. There is no charge for the Chili Feed but free-will donations will be accepted at the door. Door prizes will be awarded, which were donated by area businesses. This will be a Modern Woodmen of America matching fund event. Modern Woodmen Camp 5215 will be matching our proceeds up to $2500. These funds will be used for kitchen renovations. Auxiliary funds are used to benefit our community and our firefighters as a whole. We will also be sponsoring our 5th annual Easter Egg Hunt, and another Child Find ID clinic in the fall. Please join us and support our community and our fire department.

Diocesan News

MARRIED COUPLES LENT SERIES

"Return to me with your whole heart." Married couples, join us for a renewal of the heart this Lent! This Lenten Series will be held on Fridays, March 2, 9, and 16, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. (immediately following Stations of the Cross) at Blessed Sacrament Church, in the theatre. Led by Fr. Chris Collins, SJ, and Fr. Rob Kroll, SJ. Babysitting will be provided upon request. To request babysitting or for more information contact Susan Safford, Office of Vocations, 343-3541 or ssafford@diorc.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Ever wonder what the inside of Blue Cloud Abbey looks like? Share the experience with your spouse while you rekindle that spark you once had at the start of your relationship. The next scheduled Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is March 23-25, 2007 at Blue Cloud Abbey in Marvin, SD. This is the second of three scheduled South Dakota weekends for 2007. For more information or to register, please call John ♥ Dawn Elsinger at 605-362-0924 or visit www.WWME.org.

Join Bishop Cupich for First Friday Mass and Lunch on March 2 Mass will begin at 11:15 a.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Lunch will be served afterward in the church hall and will be followed by remarks from the bishop. The $5 charge for lunch benefits Catholic schools in Rapid City.

Rapid City Catholic School System
New Student Registration
New Catholic Families Register
Monday February 26, 2007
5:00pm – 7:00pm (Seton Office)
Open Registration
Monday March 5, 2007
Call or visit offices for availability
Developing personal & academic excellence in the Catholic tradition
St. Elizabeth Seton School
431 Oakland Street, Rapid City, SD 57701
Marcia Werner 605-348-1477
&
St. Thomas More High School
300 Fairmont Blvd., Rapid City, SD 57701
Jea Martin 605-343-8484

SES Middle School/STM High School Chili Feed and Talent Show, Sunday, March 4th, 2007, Chili Feed 6:00 p.m. Talent Show 7:15 p.m., in SES gymnasium. Tickets $5 per person or $15 per family. Purchase your tickets though any SES middle school or STM high school student.

A Mutual Fatherhood: Priests and Dads Together in Faith Rev. Mr. James Keating, PhD, will be giving a presentation for priests, deacons, husbands and fathers. Deacon Keating is the Director of Theological Formation in the Institute of Priestly Formation at Creighton University, and former professor of Moral and Spiritual Theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum. As a well-respected theologian and engaging speaker, Deacon Keating will give us a worthwhile and informative presentation on **Friday, March 30, 2007, at 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**, at **St. Therese Parish**, followed by lunch at 11:45 a.m.

Retreat at St. Martin's A March weekend Retreat will be held Saturday, March 3, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Sunday March 4, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is a daytime retreat, during which we will prayerfully review the method and philosophy of Centering Prayer, and the practice of praying Scripture (Lectio Divina). Offering of $25.00 includes lunch on both days. If you choose to attend only one day, or if you have already made my Centering Prayer and Lectio workshops, you may attend for half price. Registration is necessary. Sister Marmion Howe, 343-2688.

Annual Diocesan Men's Retreat

Taking Up the Journey Again: Confronting Old Temptations and Meeting New Companions The Most Rev. Blase Cupich will direct this silent retreat, Friday, March 9 through Sunday, March 11, 2007. He will use the Gospel of Luke as a reference point during his talks. Luke the Evangelist describes the Christian life as taking up the Way, and provides numerous examples of how the early Church understood what it means to take up the Way. For information or to register, call Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541. Registration deadline is Monday, February 26th. A minimum number of registrations must be received by the deadline for the retreat to be held.

Faithful Citizenship; Sunday, February 25th — First Sunday of Lent "I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore, choose life" (Dt 30:19). These fundamental words of Lent are also the fundamental words of the legacy of our great Pope John Paul II, "choose life". This is our priestly vocation: to choose life ourselves and to help others to choose life. It is a matter of renewing in Lent our own, so to speak, fundamental option, the option for life.

Address of His Holiness Benedict XVI to the Members of the Roman Clergy, March 2, 2006
http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2006/march/index_en.htm

For the Ride Home

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Scriptures

- He heard our cry and saw our affliction, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. (Deuteronomy 26:7,9)
- No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent. (Psalm 9:10)
- The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart. (Romans 10:8)
- Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, and when it was over he was hungry. (Luke 4:2)

Reflection

- Can the secular world and popular culture be the largest desert of all?
- After Jesus' fast was over, describe his hunger?
- What will be your fast when you journey into the desert?
- Where is a space or time where you may find your desert?
- Is the desert a space or a time?

The desert … the desert … the desert!
It is the path of Exodus, it is the march of the People of God from the slavery of idols to the freedom of the Promised Land, to the joy and brightness of the Kingdom. And this, by crossing the desert. But the word "desert" is much more than a geographic expression that suggests to our minds a derelict, parched, and arid expanse of land with no one in it. The word "desert" – for the person who lets himself or herself be taken up by the Spirit – expresses the search for God in silence. It is a "suspension bridge" thrown by the soul in love with God over the dark abyss of its own spirit, over the strange deep crevasses of temptation, over the unfathomable precipices of its own fears which form an obstacle to the progress toward God. Yes, such a desert is a prayer beyond all prayer. … (Carlos Carretto, *The Desert in the City*. Collins, 1978)